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SUBJECT: 28TH UNGA ASSESSMENT AND NEPAL

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SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF SEPARATELY CALLED ON FONSEC AND MFA UNDERSEC RECENTLY TO DISCUSS USG ASSESSMENT 28TH UNGA. FONSEC AGREED THAT MILITANT GROUP OF NON-ALIGNED ARE SEEKING ACHIEVE DOMINATION NAC GROAQ AND THAT AS CONSEQUENCE UN IS NOW AT CROSSROADS. HE SAID NEPAL WAS ANGERED AT ASSERTIONS BY RADICAL NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES DURING UNGA THAT THEIR POSITIONS REPRESENTED UNANIMOUS DECISIONS OF NAC ALGIERS, WHEN THIS WAS OFTEN NOT THE CASE. FONSEC IMPLICITLY AGREED THAT HIGHER DEGREE OF BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITY IS NEEDED ON PART UN MEMBERSHIP. UNDERSEC CLOSELY MIRRORED THESE POSITIONS. FONSEC AND MFA GENERALLY BELIEVED NEPAL MUST DEFINE UN ROLE WITHOUT SLAVISHLY FOLLOWING NON-ALIGNED "CONSENSUS". ROYAL PALACE, HOWEVER, WHICH IN LAST ANALYSIS CALLS ALL FOREIGN POLICY SHOTS, MAY WELL BE SWAYED IN FUTURE BY IMPORTUNING OF MORE RADICAL NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, AS WAS CASE ON CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION ISSUE DURING LAST UNGA. END SUMMARY

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1. IN ABSENCE FONMIN, AMBASSADOR CALLED ON FONSEC KHATRI

JANUARY 10 AND, DRAWING ON REF MESSAGES, PRESENTED OUR ASSESSMENT 28TH UNGA. EMBOFF MADE SIMILAR PRESENTATION WITH MFA UNDERSEC RESPONSIBLE FOR UN. BOTH STRESSED TO GON OFFICIALS THAT AFRO-ARAB MILITANTS' DOMINATION OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND LACK OF FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ON PART OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES WERE FACTORS WHICH COULD UNDERMINE EFFECTIVENESS OF UN.

2. KHATRI AGREED THAT UN IS AT CROSSROADS BECAUSE OF MACHINATIONS OF MILITANT NON-ALIGNED AND THEIR TENDENCY TO POLITICIZE UN ISSUES. HE WAS EXTREMELY VOCAL AND ARDENT IN REHEARSING NEPALESE DISSATISFACTION WITH PROCEDURES AND OUTCOME ALGIERS NUR AND DEPARTMENT NAC GROUP DURING UNGA. HE SAID HE, FONMIN AND KING (ALL OF WHOM ATTENDED ALGIERS NAC) WERE VERY CONCERNED AT RAILROADING TACTICS EMPLOYED BY CERTAIN STATES AT ALGIERS AND "ASTOUNDED AND ANGERED" TO FIND THAT FINAL NAC ALGIERS DOCUMENTS FAILED TO REFLECT NEPAL'S RESERVATIONS ON CERTAIN ISSUES. SUBSEQUENTLY AT NEW YORK NEPALESE WERE FURTHER ANGERED AT ASSERTIONS DURING UNGA THAT GIVEN POSITIONS OR TEXTS REPRESENTED UNANIMOUS DECISIONS OF NAC WHEN THIS WAS OFTEN NOT THE CASE. HE AGREED THAT IT IS MORE IMPORTANT FOR INDIVIDUAL NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES TO DETERMINE FOR THEMSELVES HOW THEIR OWN INTERESTS ARE RELATED TO A GIVEN ISSUE AND TO DETERMINE THEIR POSITIONS ON THE BASIS OF SUCH ANALYSIS RATHER THAN TO TAKE POSITIONS MERELY BECAUSE URGED BY MILITANT NON-ALIGNED.

3. KHATRI DID NOT SEEM WELL BRIEFED ON FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS (REF C), BUT AGREED IMPLICITLY THAT HIGHER DEGREE OF BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITY IS NEEDED ON PART UN MEMBERSHIP.

4. UNDERSECRETARY'S COMMENTS CLOSELY MORRORED KHATRI'S, REFLECTING DEGREE OF UNAMITY AT MFA WHICH WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY PERCEIVED.

5. COMMENT: KHATRI STRONGLY FEELS THAT NEPAL MUST DEFINE ITS UN ROLE WITHOUT SLAVISHLY FOLLOWING NON-ALIGNED "CONSENSUS" BUT NOTES THAT AS GENUINELY NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY NEPAL'S BASIC POLICIES SHOULD BE DETERMINED WITHIN THAT FRAMEWORK. IF NEPAL'S SWITCH ON CAMBODIAN ISSUE DURING UNGA IS INDICATIVE, HOWEVER, ROYAL PALACE, WHICH IN FINAL ANALYSIS CALLS ALL FOREIGN POLICY SHOTS, MAY CONTINUE
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TO BE SWAYED BY IMPORTUNING OF NON-ALIGNED LEADERS. IN ADDITION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT NEPAL'S MEMBERSHIP ON NAC COORDINATING COMMITTEE, PLALACE MAY NOT WISH TO BE SEEN AS ACTING AT VARIANCE WITH WHAT IT PERCEIVES TO BE NON-ALIGNED CONSENSUS, PARTICULARLY WHERE ITS PRINCIPAL NEIGHBORS, CHINA AND INDIA, SUPPORT THAT CONSENSUS.
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